

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-5 (Cancelled)

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) A contents reproduction method for reproducing content data, the contents reproduction method comprising:

a step of obtaining the content data, the content data including a plurality of resources, each resource of the plurality of resources including a respective main resource and including a respective sub resource, and each respective sub resource being data that is associated with the respective main resource and that is a different entity from that of the respective main resource;

a step of obtaining license information for the content data, the license information being required for reproducing each main resource and each sub resource;

a step of reproducing one main resource and one sub resource; and

a step of (i) prohibiting, during said reproduction of the one main resource, a start of reproducing a resource that is different from the one main resource being reproduced and that requires the license information for reproduction thereof, and (ii) permitting, during said reproduction of the one sub resource, a start of reproducing a resource that is different from the one sub resource being reproduced and that requires the license information for reproduction thereof.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) The contents reproduction method according to claim 6, wherein:

the license information includes use state information indicating a use state of the one main resource; and

the contents reproduction method further comprises:

a step of updating the license information to reflect said reproduction of the one main resource in the use state information included therein, the license information being updated when said reproduction of the one main resource is finished; and

a step of permitting, after said updating, the start of reproducing the resource that has been prohibited by said prohibiting.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) A contents reproduction device for reproducing content data, the contents reproduction device comprising:

a contents storing unit that stores the content data that includes a plurality of resources, each resource of the plurality of resources including a respective main resource and including a respective sub resource, each respective sub resource being data that is associated with the respective main resource and that is a different entity from that of the respective main resource;

a license storing unit that stores license information for the content data, the license information being required for reproducing each main resource and each sub resource;

a reproducing unit that reproduces one main resource and one sub resource; and

a license managing unit that (i) prohibits, during the reproduction of the one main resource by the reproducing unit, a start of reproducing a resource that is different from the one main resource being reproduced and that requires the license information for reproduction thereof, and (ii) permits, during the reproduction of the one sub resource by the reproducing unit,

a start of reproducing a resource that is different from the one sub resource being reproduced and that requires the license information for reproduction thereof.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) The contents reproduction device according to claim 8, wherein:

the license information includes use state information indicating a use state of the content data; and

the license managing unit (i) updates the license information to reflect the reproduction of the one main resource in the use state information when the reproduction of the one main resource is finished, and (ii) permits, after the updating of the license information, the start of reproducing the resource that has been prohibited by the license managing unit.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) The contents reproduction device according to claim 8, wherein:

each main resource includes a motion picture; and

each sub resource includes a still picture and does not includes a motion picture.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) The contents reproduction device according to claim 10, wherein:

each respective sub resource includes a plurality of still pictures that are associated with the respective main resource and that have been encrypted;

the contents reproduction device further comprises:

a decryption unit that decrypts the plurality of still pictures collectively to generate a plurality of decrypted still pictures; and

a cache unit that stores the plurality of decrypted still pictures; and

the reproducing unit, when reproducing the one sub resource, reads one or more still pictures from the plurality of decrypted still pictures stored in the cache unit and reproduces the read one or more still pictures.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) The contents reproduction device according to claim 11, wherein the decryption unit is tamper resistant

Claim 13 (Currently Amended) The contents reproduction device according to claim 11, wherein:

the plurality of still pictures are collectively compressed, and the plurality of collectively compressed still pictures are encrypted; and

the decryption unit decrypts the plurality of encrypted still pictures collectively to obtain the plurality of collectively compressed still pictures, and extracts the plurality of decrypted still pictures from the plurality of compressed still pictures.

Claim 14 (New) The contents reproduction apparatus according to claim 8, wherein:

the license information includes use state information indicating a use state of the content data;

the license managing unit updates the use state information based on a reproduction of each resource; and

when updating the use state information based on the reproduction of each resource, the license managing unit does not update the use state information to reflect the reproduction of the sub resource.